



City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Exhibit featuring Ouafae Taame Celebrates Arab American Heritage Month

Gaithersburg, MD (March 22, 2019) In honor of Arab American Heritage Month, the City of Gaithersburg presents an exhibit of artwork by Ouafae Taame from March 28 through June 24, 2019, at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park, 506 South Frederick Avenue in Gaithersburg. Viewing hours are Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The public is invited to a free reception, featuring Taame and the up-and-coming artists featured in the concurrent [“Emerging Artists”](#) exhibit, on Thursday, March 28, 2019 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. A proclamation declaring April as Arab American Heritage Month will be presented during the Mayor and City Council meeting on April 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Ouafae Taame is a visual artist, 2D and 3D graphic designer and fashion designer, with two degrees in Fine Art and Architecture from Morocco. Taame developed her interest in visual arts at a young age and is inspired by Moroccan and Andalusian arts. After attending the Fine Arts National Institute in Morocco, she worked as a senior environment artist and art director at the video game company, Ubisoft, in Montreal, Canada, Casablanca, Morocco, Abu Dhabi, UAE and Montpellier, France, accumulating 12 years of experience in video game arts. Taame was a key designer for popular video games, including Assassin’s Creed, the Prince of Persia Trilogy, and Beyond Good and Evil. She continues to express her multifaceted creative profile through a variety of visual mediums, including oil and acrylic painting, 3D digital arts and fashion design, while also working as a visual art educator at Tarbiyah Academy, a private elementary school.

Taame’s artwork is inspired by her life experiences, travels and her social, cultural and feminine identity. Her recent work has taken on a new persona. She says, “It is searching sight into a dreaming reality, almost like Shahrazad tales, rich in textures, colors and movement, full of real human experience wrapped in a mystical interpretation. It is atmospheric and dynamic with an Orientalist flavor.”

Please note that all images are copyrighted by the artists and most of the artwork is for sale. For more information please contact Shellie Williams at 301-258-6394, shellie.williams@gaithersburgmd.gov, or Andi Rosati at 301-258-6350, andi.rosati@gaithersburgmd.gov.

While various cultures are recognized throughout the year with proclamations and art exhibits, the City collectively celebrates the many cultures that make up the fabric of its community with an annual DiverseCity Showcase. The 2019 event takes place on Saturday, May 11 from noon to 4:30 p.m. and Lakeforest Mall, and it will feature the music, dance, storytelling and fashion of many cultures. For more information visit

www.gaithersburgmd.gov. The DiverseCity Showcase is hosted by the City of Gaithersburg Multicultural Affairs Committee.

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